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Productus compressus Waagen, 1884 (currently *Compressoproductus compressus*; Brachiopoda): proposed conservation of the specific name

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Abstract. The purpose of this application, under Articles 23.9.3 and 81.2.1 of the Code, is to conserve the specific name *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884 for the type species of the Permian brachiopod genus *Compressoproductus* Sarytcheva in Sarytcheva et al., 1960. The name is a junior primary homonym of *Productus compressus* Say in James, 1823, which has been seldom used since it was established. Waterhouse & Piyasin (1970) proposed *Compressoproductus morahpressus* as a substitute name for *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884, but this name has never been used other than by Waterhouse (1978, 1983). It is proposed that the name *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884 be conserved by suppression of *Productus compressus* Say, 1823.

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1. *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884 (p. 710, pl. 81, figs. 1, 2) was described in detail and illustrated from the Permian of the Salt Range (Pakistan). It is a well-recognised linoproductoid brachiopod species.

2. Sarytcheva in Sarytcheva et al. (1960, p. 231) designated *P. compressus* Waagen, 1884 as the type species of *Compressoproductus*, which is a commonly accepted semi-cosmopolitan linoproductoid genus of the Permian. The names *P. compressus* Waagen, 1884 and *Compressoproductus compressus* (Waagen, 1884) have been widely used in major taxonomic studies including the First and Second Editions of the *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology* (e.g. Muir-Wood & Cooper, 1960, p. 319; Muir-Wood & Williams, 1965, p. 507; Brunton et al., 2000, p. 546). This name has previously been reclassified within the genus *Striatifera* Chao, 1927 (type species *Mytilus striatus* Fischer de Waldheim, 1837) by some authors (Chao, 1927, p. 99; Reed, 1931, p. 12; Licharew, 1937, p. 112).

3. Prior to Waagen (1884), *Productus compressus* Say was proposed in James (1823, p. 150) with a brief descriptive note and no illustration, based on material from the Rocky Mountains. Nevertheless, a modern definition of *P. compressus* Say (supposedly of a late Palaeozoic age) would not be possible on the information provided by Say in James (1823), and the specific name has not been used as valid except by Waterhouse & Piyasin (1970) and Branson (1948, pp. 456, 535) who accepted that *P. compressus* Waagen, 1884 is a junior primary homonym of

P. compressus Say in James, 1823. This fact, however, has largely been ignored, except by Waterhouse & Piyasin (1970) as outlined below. The above two instances of using *P. compressus* Say in James, 1823 as a valid name after 1899 mean that the conditions of Article 23.9.1.1 of the Code (Reversed Precedence) are not met and the case is referred to the Commission for a ruling.

4. Waterhouse & Piyasin (1970, p. 133) proposed a new substitute name *Compressoproductus morahpressus* for *P. compressus* Waagen, 1884 and designated it the type species of *Compressoproductus*. *C. morahpressus* is currently the valid name for Waagen's nominal species-group taxon under Articles 23.3.5 and 60.3 of the Code (Junior homonyms without synonyms), although, under Article 67.1.2 (The name of the type species), it is not the type species of *Compressoproductus*, because the name of a type species of a genus remains unchanged even when it is a junior homonym (*P. compressus* Waagen, 1884 in the current case). However, to my knowledge only Waterhouse (1978, p. 77; 1983, p. 129) subsequently adopted the name *C. morahpressus*. In addition, Waterhouse & Piyasin (1970) selected the lectotype from syntypes of Waagen's *compressus*, and this remains valid for this nominal species under Articles 72.7 and 74.1 (Name-bearing types of new replacement names).

5. From the above, it is seen that the senior homonym *Productus compressus* Say in James, 1823 is not in use. *Compressoproductus morahpressus* Waterhouse & Piyasin, 1970 (the valid objective synonym of *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884) has also not commonly been adopted by taxonomists, who continued using the names *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884 or *Compressoproductus compressus* (Waagen, 1884) after the replacement name was introduced (e.g. Cooper & Grant, 1975, p. 1205; Jin & Hu, 1978, p. 115; Licharew & Kotljar, 1978, p. 99; Jin et al., 1979, p. 94; Zhan, 1979, p. 90; Liu et al., 1982, p. 188; Wang et al., 1982, p. 225; Wang, 1984, p. 196; Liang, 1990, p. 209; Shen & He, 1994, p. 160; Zeng et al., 1995, p. 23; Leven, 1997, p. 24; Brunton et al., 2000, p. 546; Tazawa et al., 2000, p. 9; Shi et al., 2003, p. 1059; Wang & Zhang, 2003, p. 112). It is therefore desirable for reasons of stability to retain the current usage of *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884 by suppression of the senior homonym *Productus compressus* Say in James, 1823.

6. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked:

(1) to use its plenary power to suppress the name *compressus* Say in James, 1823, as published in the binomen *Productus compressus*, and all uses of the name before that by Waagen (1884) for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy;

(2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *compressus* Waagen, 1884, as published in the binomen *Productus compressus* (the specific name of the type species of *Compressoproductus* Sarytcheva in Sarytcheva et al., 1960);

(3) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology the following names:

(a) *compressus* Say in James, 1823, as published in the binomen *Productus compressus* and as suppressed in (1) above;

(b) *morahpressus* Waterhouse & Piyasin, 1970, as published in the binomen *Compressoproductus morahpressus* (a junior synonym of *Productus compressus* Waagen, 1884).

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